

FW: Article 9.4 Request from Commissioner of RCMP to Minister

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See below request from RCMP. This is the same part of the PPSA that we sued to bring additional members to Alberta.

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Riley ...

This is an urgent request from the RCMP.

The Commissioner of the RCMP has requested a RCMP Alberta to provide 42 regular members to assist with the enforcement actions in Ottawa. The request falls under article 9 of the PPSA, the same article that the Minister used to bring in regular members from BC. Marlin provides more information about the request below.

A formal letter will be coming soon, but at this time I am asking whether the minister will agree to the request to release the officers as described below.

Can you please pass this request to the minister.

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Dennis,

D/Commissioner Zablocki just called to advise that a formal Article 9.4 request is forthcoming from the Commissioner to the Minister around supporting Ottawa police operations in Ontario. He is also aware that the EPS are sending 20 officers and CPS are sending 25 officers to assist with public order operations in Ottawa as a result of requests made to them by the OPS.

The RCMP here in Alberta have been asked to provide 42 officers from the Special Tactics and Operations (STO or public order) team, 7 Emergency Response Team members, 2 Police Service Dog handlers and 1 Incident Commander. Of those 42, ½ will come from the Provincial Policing line, ½ from Municipal or Federal business lines, as they are selecting individuals trained in those profiles.

The Deputy Commissioner would like to begin the process of transporting the officers there today, to ensure they are available to support as soon as possible. As far as the situation in Coultts, the Deputy Commissioner advises that currently all lanes remain open, no vehicles are left on the highway, they will have a 50 officers (combination Sheriffs and RCMP) on duty both day and night during the weekend to keep things lawful. Currently, at CP10 there are 65 people, with 15 RV's and approx. 35 passenger vehicles located at the lawful protest site and that number has been steadily diminishing.

The Deputy Commissioner is comfortable with releasing these resources to assist the Ottawa Police Service and RCMP National response there, indicating he has sufficient resources left in province to address our policing and public safety needs.

As an update, the additional resources from BC are no longer in province as they were brought in for relief but no longer required and actually released by end of the weekend back to BC.

The formal letter will follow shortly, and the Deputy, on behalf of the Commissioner, can be available for a call to the Minister to discuss the matter with her should she have any questions or concerns.

Marlin

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